

ABSTRACT

A device for facilitating the reading of a book by holding its pages in an open position, includes an elongate member formed of telescopically-engaged inner and outer elements 107 and 108. The outer element 108 has a projecting platform 14 to support the cover of an open book *B*, and respective inwardly-directed end-pieces 101 and 102 are pivotally connected to the respective elements 107 and 108, with inwardly-directed finger portions 30 that hold the pages of the book by means of coil springs 203. A support leg 40 is slidably engaged with the outer element 108 to support the rear of the book while resting on its lower edge. The support leg can be angularly adjusted about an axis which is substantially parallel to the outer element 108 and can be rotated about an axis which is substantially perpendicular to the outer element. The leg 40 may have an inner core which is telescopically engaged within a non-slip outer cover.

[Figure 2]